

REMARKS

In the February 16, 2005 Office Action, the Examiner indicated that dependent Claims 3, 5, 7, 10-12, 16, 18 and 20 of this application would be allowable if written in independent form. (2/16/05 Office Action at page 4.) The Examiner also objected to independent Claims 1 and 13 as allegedly not fully specifying that the exit pupil which is referred to in those claims is the exit pupil of the projection lens, as opposed to the exit pupil of the "combination of the Fresnel lens and the lenslet array (and possibly the projection lens as well)." (2/16/05 Office Action at page 2.)

By the above amendments to independent Claims 1 and 13, applicants have introduced the phrase "the projection lens' exit pupil" into each of these claims and have changed all references to "the exit pupil" to "the projection lens' exit pupil." With these changes, applicants believe that the Examiner's objection to the language of Claims 1 and 13 should be overcome.

Applicants have also cancelled dependent Claims 11 and 12, and have incorporated the limitations of those claims into each of independent Claims 1 and 13. As indicated above, dependent Claims 11 and 12 were indicated as being allowable in the February 16th Office Action. With this amendment, applicants believe that this application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

The above amendments to the claims are being made without prejudice. In particular, applicants do not agree with the Examiner's assertions regarding the alleged lack of patentability of the claims which remained rejected in the February 16th Office Action (see, for example, the discussion of the infirmities in the rejections set forth in applicants' July 6, 2004 Appeal Brief). The sole purpose of the above amendments to independent Claims 1 and 13 is thus to expedite the further prosecution of this application and is not intended to and should not be interpreted as indicating agreement with the Examiner's assertions regarding applicants' unamended claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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